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Iceland

Word Box

Day	celebrations	families
decorating	famous	Icelanders

Iceland's most _____ and beloved Saint is Saint Thorlakur Thorhallsson. St. Throrhallsson's _____ is December 23rd each year. The Christmas holiday reunites _____ near and far as it is a full family event. In fact, the main event of this holiday's _____ are the special moments and time shared among family members. Much time is spent at home and together with various holiday activities getting accomplished. Among those events are _____ the home and preparing traditional dishes and culinary treats. December 23rd marks the day when most _____ decorate their Christmas trees.

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Finland

Word Box

meal	Christmas	night
Finland	porridge	Circle

According to Finnish legend, Korvatunturi, just north of the Arctic _____ is believed to be the home of Santa Claus. Traditionally Santa Claus, also known as Father _____, visits the homes of children all over Finland on Christmas Eve. North of _____ is Christmas Land Park, a local said to be near the home of Father Christmas. Christmas Eve is a very special _____ for Finland's. Plum fruit juice and rice _____ is a traditional breakfast meal followed by a large Christmas Eve _____ in the evening.

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Germany

Word Box

stable	leaves	candles
decorations	families	presents

Homes are adorned with abundant _____ at Christmas time in Germany. Many homes will house _____ in the windows. Wreaths of _____ that hold candles, called Adventskranz, are often displayed. Many families will place a model of a small crib and small _____ along with figurines. Traditionally, Der Weihnachtsmann, or Father Christmas, delivers _____ late evening on Christmas Eve. Following a church service, _____ return home to discover and delight in the presents.

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Latvia

Word Box

special

trees

presents

children

sausage

celebrate

Father Christmas begins his delivery of presents to the _____ and families of Latvia twelve days before Christmas! In fact, _____ are delivered on each day during those twelve days. Christmas _____ are surrounded by presents by the time Christmas arrives. Following the opening of presents, families _____ with a holiday meal. This _____ Christmas meal often and traditionally includes cooked pork and brown bean sauce, _____, cabbage, and various pies.

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United States

Word Box

shopping

mantle

figurines

holidays

tradition

cards

As the _____ approach, many people decorate their homes. Some people decorate with colored lights and others with plastic _____ placed on front yards. Decorating homes and yards has been a long standing _____ of the holiday season. In addition to decorations, many people flock to the _____ malls to find sales and special gifts. Many people write and send _____ to their friends, family, and office staff. Often these greeting cards are hung on a _____ or walls.

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Brazil

Word Box

gathering

Father

families

celebrated

salads

mantle

In Brazil, _____ Christmas is known as Papai Noel. Christmas in Brazil is _____ in a very similar way to traditions in the United States of America. Many _____ will prepare special meals of chicken, turkey, ham, and rice. Some families will also make special _____ and include dried fruit. The Christmas meal is an important _____ of family and friends. Stockings will often be hung on a _____.

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Luxembourg

Word Box

stores	families	Christmas
windowsill	children	present

The delight of beautiful _____ days is the message often shared in Luxembourg. St. Nicholas can often be spotted in shops and _____ taking photos with children. St. Nicholas's feast is celebrated on December 6th as _____ excitedly place their shoes along a _____ or outside their bedroom doors. Children go to sleep with anticipation of waking to find their shoes filled with a small _____ from Kleenschen, also known as St. Nicholas. Christmas Eve is celebrated by spending time with _____ and close friends.

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St. Nicholas

Word Box

Spain	feast	morning
festive	hay	Nicholas

Saint _____ is known as Sinterclass in the Netherlands. His arrival on December 6th is known as his _____ day. Legend tells of Sinterclass's arrival from _____ on a steam vessel. Traditionally, children place _____ and sugar in their shoes the night before in anticipation for his arrival. When children wake in the _____, they're greeted with candy and delicious nuts filling their shoes! Surprises are always a welcomed element during this _____ time.

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Belgium

Word Box

presents

ice

shoes

children

celebrations

place

Early during the month of December, _____ in Belgium begin their anticipation of Saint Nicholas. December 6th marks the day when children _____ their _____ close by or in front of the family fireplace.

Children happily await the small _____ that will replace the vegetables left in the shoes. Following Christmas meal _____ on December 25th, families go to the many _____ covered canals for rounds of ice skating fun.

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Czech Republic

Word Box

potatoes

light

night

light

together

midnight

Christmas Eve is a special _____ filled with many traditional celebrations. Families gather _____ to partake in plentiful meals that often include an assortment of fish soups, salad, _____, and vegetables. Following the holiday meal, families will _____ the Christmas tree. Desert, a special cake covered with almonds is also served. Many families attend traditional _____ services at local churches and listen to favorite carols.

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France

Word Box

feast	gifts	ham	restaurants
world	Eve	celebrations	fireplace

Family is the center of _____ during the Christmas season in France.

Family members from all over the _____ re-unite. Children place shoes, known as sabots, close to the family _____. Wishes of Father Christmas, known in France as Pere Noel and his visit bearing _____ dance in their hearts. Traditional services are held on Christmas _____ at midnight. This custom is then followed by a _____ called le reveillon. Families may feast on the reveillon at any of the many sidewalk cafes and _____ that remain open throughout the night. Many reveillon meals include sausages, baked _____, oysters, roasted fowl, salads, pastries, and various fruits.

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Belgium

Word Box

Christmas	families	skating	gifts
youngsters	St.	December	front

Early during the month of _____, children in Belgium begin their anticipation of _____ Nicholas. December 6th marks the day when _____ place their shoes close by or in _____ of the family fireplace. Children happily await the small _____ that will replace the vegetables left in the shoes. Following _____ meal celebrations on December 25th, _____ go to the many ice covered canals for rounds of ice _____ fun.

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United Kingdom

Word Box

tree	United	spruce	feasts
Norway	years	celebrated	Square

Christmas has been _____ for more than one thousand
_____ in the _____ Kingdom! Aside from a moment in time, when
Christmas was somewhat hidden, celebrations and large _____ have been at the
forefront of the holiday season. Important to the Christmas celebration is the Christmas
_____. Located in Trafalgar _____ is an important and popular
large _____ tree that gets decorated for the season. The tree, a present from
_____, is nearby a statue of Lord Nelson.

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Denmark

Word Box

Christmas	Denmark	candles	shops
decorations	lunches	holiday	sharing

The most important _____ celebrated in Denmark is Christmas! Elaborate and colorful _____ line streets and homes. A tradition of stores and _____ closing early on Friday afternoons allow workers to partake in holiday _____ that often lasts through the evenings! Thousands of _____ and lights shine brightly to help brighten the season. In fact, _____ burns more candles per capita than any other country! Friendship and _____ are a large part of the _____ season. Fresh cakes and cookies are always on hand for families and visitors.

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Poland

Word Box

decorations	unite	greetings	watch
prepare	gift	created	celebrations

Family closeness has always been at the center of Christmas _____ in Poland. The traditions of _____ giving play only a minor part in the holiday traditions. Emphasis, instead, is heavily placed on making _____ and special traditional meals. Families _____ and await the first star on Christmas Eve. Upon it's sighting, families extend _____ and well wishes to each other. The following day, Christmas, families _____ and gather for the most valued and most carefully _____ meal of the year. This meal, the Wigilia, is derived from the Latin word vigilare, meaning to _____ over something.

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Romania

Word Box

legends

wood

celebrations

poetry

Turta

Christmas

led

decorations,

Traditionally, on _____ night, children walk from home to home. During their travels, they recite _____ and sing Christmas carols. Additionally, _____ are told and retold throughout the night. The children are _____ by a person carrying what's known as a Steaua. This Steaua is a large star made of _____. Covering the wood are shiny _____ paper, bells, and ribbons. Christmas Eve _____ include a delicious cake called Turta. The _____ consists of rolled, thin layers of dough.

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Austria

Word Box

singing	churches	lantern	admission
attend	musical	Night	concerts

A favorite _____ event held in Salzburg is the Salzburg Adventsingens. Out of the 90,000 often-requested _____ tickets, only about 30,000 are granted! Those unable to _____ this event are still able to attend a variety of many other holiday _____ that can be heard all throughout the holiday season. Concerts are held at various, _____ concert halls, outdoor markets, and the Mozarteum. People move along from the Franz Gruber School, located in Arnsdorf, to Oberndorf where the Silent _____ Memorial Chapel is located. People move along in a _____ procession holding the torchlights and _____ carols.

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Hungary

Word Box

soup	throughout	before	served
decorate	street	meal	fried

Shopkeepers spend time and _____ their shop fronts with elaborate decorations the month _____ Christmas! Roasted and _____ chestnuts are available on the cities _____ corners. Holiday decorations adorn streets _____ the cities! In preparation for the Christmas holiday _____, Hungarians soak wheat in a cup as to germinate by holiday celebrations. A specially prepared fish _____ is a favorite served at Christmas dinner. Other food items traditionally _____ at the Christmas meal includes fried fish and a huge assortment of cookies. A favorite cookie served, soft and rolled, is called Beiglie.

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Slovakia

Word Box

celebrated	preparing	Day	excited
windowsills	treats	traditions	peak

December 24th marks the day Christmas is _____ in Slovakia. Many, many celebrations and _____ fill the days leading up to the Christmas Day celebrations and meal. St. Nicholas _____ is celebrated on December 6th. This evening marks the time when children place their shoes or boots along _____ in hopes of waking up and finding _____ filling them! Many families have mentioned that the children are so _____ about St. Nicholas's visit, the children sometimes _____ during the night! The night before the Christmas meal, families are busy _____ traditional fish soups, potato salads, and cakes.

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Czech Republic

Word Box

meals	services	Eve	Christmas
holiday	salads	favorite	cake

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Holiday Season

Word Box

lawns	popular	centers	write	hung
yards	friends	lights	Office	decorate

As the holidays approach, many people _____ their homes. Some people decorate with colored _____ and others with plastic figurines placed on front _____. Decorating homes and _____ has been a _____ tradition the holiday season. In addition to decorations, many people flock to the shopping _____ to find sales and special gifts. Many people _____ and send cards to their _____, family, and _____ staff. Often these greeting cards are _____ on a mantle or walls.

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St. Nicholas

Word Box

chimney	rooftop	stories	Christmas	visit
legend	Nicholas	modern	fire	Father

St. _____ was a real person! He is the real person that Father _____ is based on! Known as a shy man, from what is known as _____ day Turkey, Nicholas gave money to the poor. Tradition states that Nicholas climbed up on a _____ and dropped down the _____ a bag of money! According to _____ the money landed directly into a stocking hung by the _____! This legend helps explain current _____ of _____ Christmas and his yearly _____ to homes everywhere!

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Father Christmas

Word Box

turkey	dried	prepare	rice	Brazil
United	Christmas	family	important	hung.

In Brazil, Father _____ is known as Papai Noel. Christmas in _____ is celebrated in a very similar way to traditions in the _____ States of America. Many families will _____ special meals of chicken, _____, ham, and _____. Some families will also make special salads and include _____ fruit. The Christmas meal is an _____ gathering of _____ and friends. Stockings will often be _____ on a mantle.

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Portugal

Word Box

Eve	shoes	meal	presents	potatoes
tree	Father	placed	salted	meal

Residents of Portugal believe that _____ Christmas delivers
_____ the night before Christmas. This Christmas _____ event is a
favored tradition for children of all ages. Presents may be left inside _____ that
are sometimes left out. Other times, presents are _____ under a Christmas
_____. Families will often gather and feast on a special _____ of
dried and _____ cod. Boiled _____ are also a favorite
accompaniment with the fish. Part of this traditional _____ is the feast being held
Midnight of Christmas Eve!

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Canada

Word Box

Germany	food	friends	Christmas	Year's
1608	week	traditions	grand	celebrations

Customs and _____ from a compilation of other countries provide the diversity of Canada's Christmas events. Common among all the influence, gatherings of _____ and family are special. Influence from France, _____, and Ukraine are evident in celebrations. Early celebrations of _____ were started at the end of November. The preparation of _____ was great with the anticipation of what was known as a _____ meal held on Christmas Eve. Quebec, founded in _____ by Samuel de Champlain was the site of the earliest Christmas _____. After the Christmas celebration, one entire _____ of festivities would follow! These celebrations would be the lead up to New _____ Day

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Iceland

Word Box

transmission	5 P.M.	family	United	meal
Iceland	tradition	began	decorated	television

Christmas in _____ is a special and _____ oriented celebration. Homes and trees are _____ by the entire family. December 23rd marks St. Thorlakur's Day. This special day, named for Iceland's native Saint, Thorlakur Thorhallsson is marked by a special _____ of skate. Celebrations, known as Jol begin at 6 P.M. on what's called Yule Eve. This _____, is based on earlier times when the new day officially _____ at that time. What's known as Adfangadagur is equivalent to the _____ States's Christmas Eve. At approximately _____ each Adfangadagur all _____ transmission stops. Television _____ resumes at approximately 10 P.M.

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Sweden

Word Box

rest	gown	Lucia	December	coffee
nourishment	celebrated	height	candles	Swedish

Christmas is Sweden's largest and longest _____ holiday. Lucia Day, each _____ 13th marks the start of eating and celebrations. According to _____ legend, the 13th commemorates the longest night of the year. As a result, it's believed the family needs extra _____. The eldest daughter in each family represents _____ (Queen of Light). Wearing a _____ of white and wearing a crown of _____, she serenades her parents awake to the tune of Santa Lucia delivering _____ and pastries. Traditionally, Christmas Eve marks the _____ of the holiday celebrations. This is often a day of _____ and tending to livestock.

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Netherlands

Word Box

steam	Sinterklass's	sugar	nuts	festive
children	morning	arrival	shoes	Netherlands

Saint Nicholas is known as Sinterklass in the _____. His _____ on December 6th is known as his feast day. Legend tells of _____ arrival from Spain on a _____ vessel. Traditionally, _____ place hay and _____ in their shoes the night before in anticipation for his arrival. When children wake in the _____, they're greeted with candy and delicious _____ filling their _____. Surprises are always a welcomed element during this _____ time.

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Finland

Word Box

visit	day	homes	announcement	gifts
children	meals	shopping	re-unite	Finland

Finland's most important _____ of the year is Christmas Eve. Families _____ to share in this special day. Even grown _____ who live and work far away return to their childhood _____ for the holiday. Families have all their _____ done by that day, as stores close down at noon! Turku, at one time the capital of _____, is the place where the "Peace of Christmas" is declared. This _____ marks the official start of Christmas festivities. This is also, most often, when many holiday _____ are shared among family members. Children anxiously anticipate a _____ from Father Christmas. Upon his arrival, Father Christmas distributes _____ and shares stories of his travels around to families.

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Name _____
Theme: Holidays

Date _____
Topic: Christmas

Directions:

Complete the paragraph below by writing the words from the word box on the spaces provided. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

Germany

Word Box

eve	sausage	decorated	Christmas	bountiful
plates	children	trees	boot	angels

In Germany, _____ await St. Nicholas's visit. On the _____ of December 6th, children place a _____ or a shoe close by the family's fireplace. December 6th, St. Nicholas Day, marks the start of the _____ celebrations. This is when _____ are presented and decorated. Christmas trees are often _____ with candy, nuts, apples, cookies, _____, trains, family treasures, and lights. Following this traditional tree decorating, a large and _____ meal is prepared and eaten! This meal on Christmas Eve often includes such _____ of macaroni salad, _____, suckling pig and other traditional dishes.

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Answers

Page 1

1. famous
2. Day
3. families
4. celebrations
5. decorating
6. Icelanders

Page 2

1. Circle
2. Christmas
3. Finland
4. night
5. porridge
6. meal

Page 3

1. decorations
2. candles
3. leaves
4. stable
5. presents
6. families

Page 4

1. children
2. presents
3. trees
4. celebrate
5. special
6. sausage

Page 5

1. holidays
2. figurines
3. tradition
4. shopping
5. cards
6. mantle

Page 6

1. Father
2. celebrated
3. families
4. salads
5. gathering
6. mantle

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1. Christmas
2. stores
3. children
4. windowsill
5. present
6. families

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1. Nicholas
2. feast
3. Spain
4. hay
5. morning
6. festive

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1. children
2. place
3. shoes
4. presents
5. celebrations
6. ice

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1. night
2. together
3. potatoes
4. light
5. almonds
6. midnight

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1. celebrations
2. world
3. fireplace
4. gifts
5. Eve
6. feast
7. restaurants
8. ham

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1. December
2. St.
3. youngsters
4. front
5. gifts
6. Christmas
7. families
8. skating

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1. celebrated
2. years
3. United
4. feast
5. tree
6. Square
7. spruce
8. Norway

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1. holiday
2. decorations
3. shops
4. lunches
5. candles
6. Denmark
7. sharing
8. Christmas

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1. celebrations
2. gift
3. decorations
4. watch
5. greetings
6. unite
7. prepared
8. watch

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1. Christmas
2. poetry
3. legends
4. led
5. wood
6. decorations
7. celebrations
8. Turta

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1. musical
2. admission
3. attend
4. concerts
5. churches
6. Night
7. lantern
8. singing

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1. decorate
2. before
3. fried
4. street
5. throughout
6. meal
7. soup
8. served

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1. celebrated
2. traditions
3. Day
4. windowsills
5. treats
6. excited
7. peak
8. preparing

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1. Eve
2. meals
3. salads
4. holiday
5. Christmas
6. cake
7. services
8. favorite

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1. decorate
2. lights
3. yards or lawns
4. lawns or yards
5. popular
6. centers
7. write
8. friends
9. office
10. hung

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1. Nicholas
2. Christmas
3. modern
4. rooftop
5. chimney
6. legend
7. fire
8. stories
9. Father
10. visit

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1. Christmas
2. Brazil
3. unite
4. prepare
5. turkey
6. rice
7. dried
8. important
9. family
10. hung

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1. Father
2. presents
3. Eve
4. shoes
5. placed
6. tree
7. meal
8. salted
9. potatoes
10. meal

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1. tradition
2. friends
3. Germany
4. Christmas
5. food
6. grand
7. 1608
8. celebrations
9. week
10. Year's

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1. Iceland
2. family
3. decorated
4. meal
5. tradition
6. began
7. United
8. 5 P.M.
9. television
10. transmission

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1. celebrated
2. December
3. Swedish
4. nourishment
5. Lucia
6. gown
7. candles
8. coffee
9. height
10. rest

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1. Netherlands
2. arrival
3. Sinterklass's
4. steam
5. children
6. sugar
7. morning
8. nuts
9. shoes
10. festive

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1. day
2. re-unite
3. children
4. homes
5. shopping
6. Finland
7. announcement
8. meals
9. visit
10. gifts

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1. children
2. eve
3. boot
4. Christmas
5. trees
6. decorated
7. angels
8. bountiful
9. plates
10. sausage